

B-3046 - B-3048  
706-702 William St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1870-1885

The three three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices (702,704) that occupy this side of Light St. were built in the 1870's and early 1880's, probably replacing earlier frame structures on the site. 706 William St. is particularly notable for its interesting Classical Revival style carved stone lintels and the projecting terra cotta ornaments on the facade. The house was built by a stone cutter who undoubtedly was responsible for the exterior decorations.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

704 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

— OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

— YES: RESTRICTED

— YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☒ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This four story brick structure with shed roof and bracketed cornice is an enlargement of an earlier gable roofed house on this site. Originally, it and its neighbor, 702 William St., were the only houses on this side of William St. north of Montgomery St.

The house is four stories in height, 18' wide, and occupies a 43' deep lot. There is a two bay deep, two story addition to the rear. The building is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is surmounted by a cornice of Italianate design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding supported by a row of carved modillions. The freize area between each modillion is decorated with scroll-sawed motifs. At the lower edge of the freize there is a row of dentils, followed by a row of cut-work triangles. Three carved wooden brackets originally supported the cornice and connected it to a lower molding strip. Only the center bracket remains. The brick freize area beneath the cornice was punctuated by two scroll-sawed ventilating panels, only one of which remains. There is a double rectangular covered chimney located along the north end wall in the center of the house; a double hooded chimney is located along the north end wall to the rear of the house. The two-story addition also has a chimney.

The first floor window opening is actually more like a basement window, being square in shape. All of the door and window openings are surmounted by flat wood lintels. The sills are also wood. The window openings of the first, second, and third floors are boarded. Those of the fourth floor are filled with 1/1 sash. A modern flush door is set directly into the frame; there is no transom. The door opens directly off of the sidewalk.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1840-50 (orig.) enl.c. <sup>1865</sup> BUILDER/ARCHITECT Peter Aydelott (orig.)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a large group of houses in the Federal Hill area which were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's with gable roofs but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Victorian style, with the gable roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a modern bracketed cornice added. The original house on the site was built by Peter Aydelott, a local house carpenter who lived at 130 E. Montgomery St. After Aydelott's death the house was sold at public auction in 1863 and seems to have been remodeled sometime over the next few years.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 251, Folio 404; AM 241, Folio 202; Baltimore City Directory, 1840, 1845, 1850

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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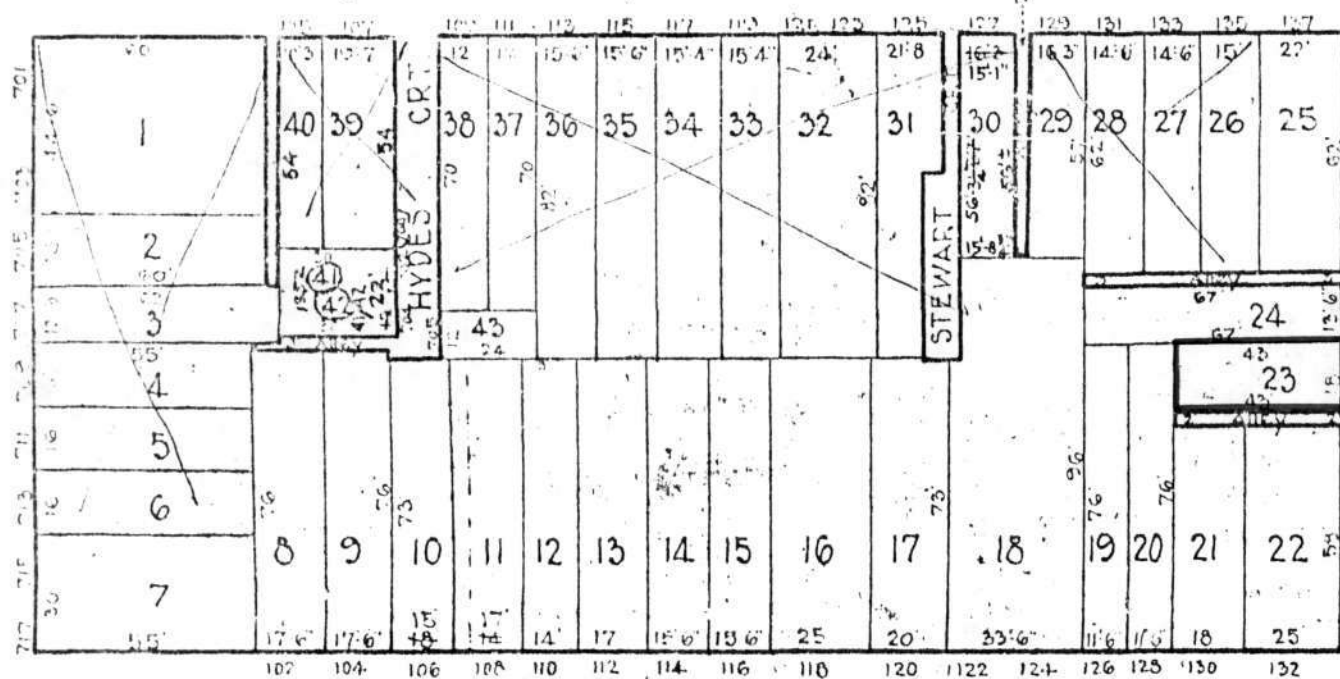
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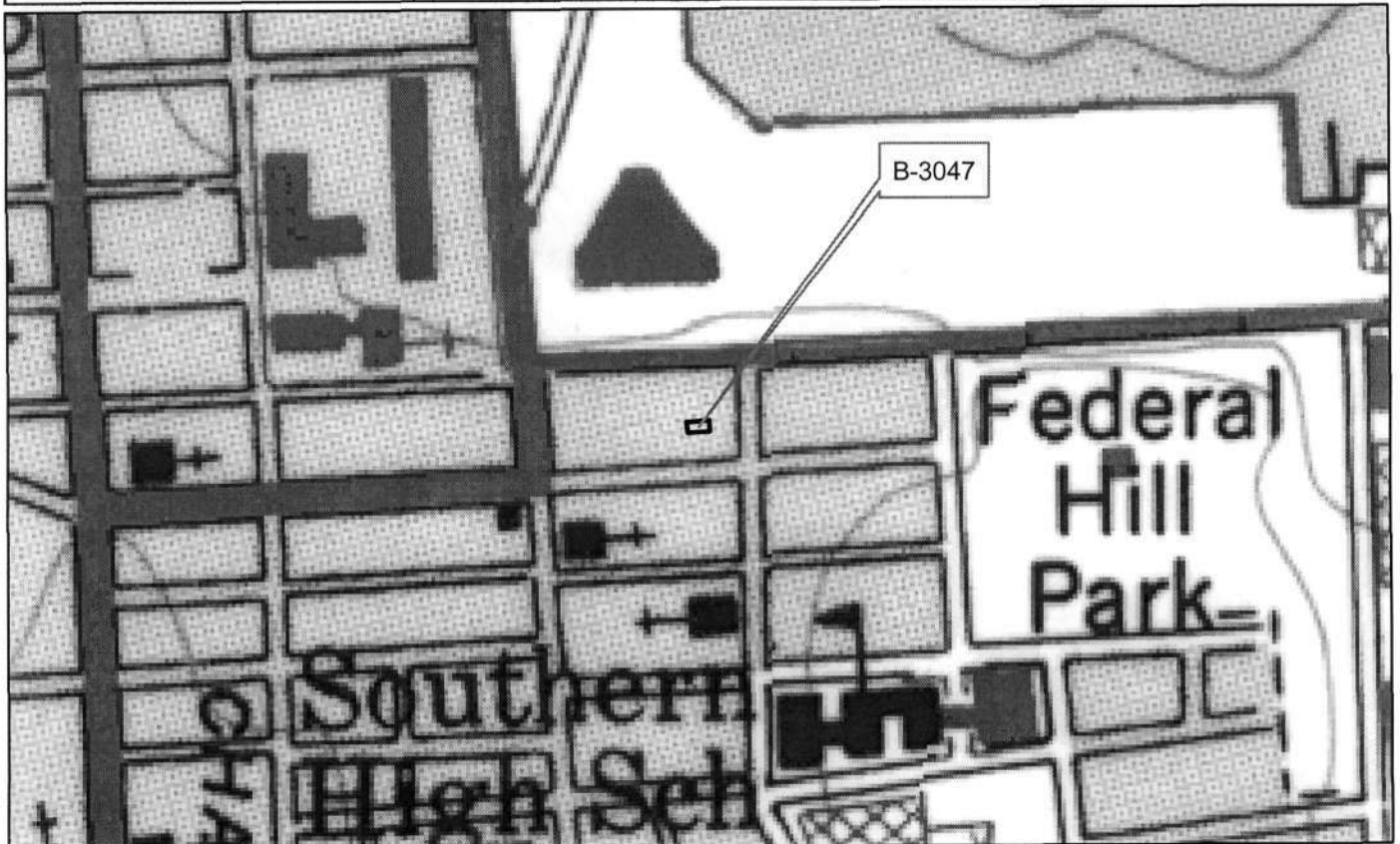
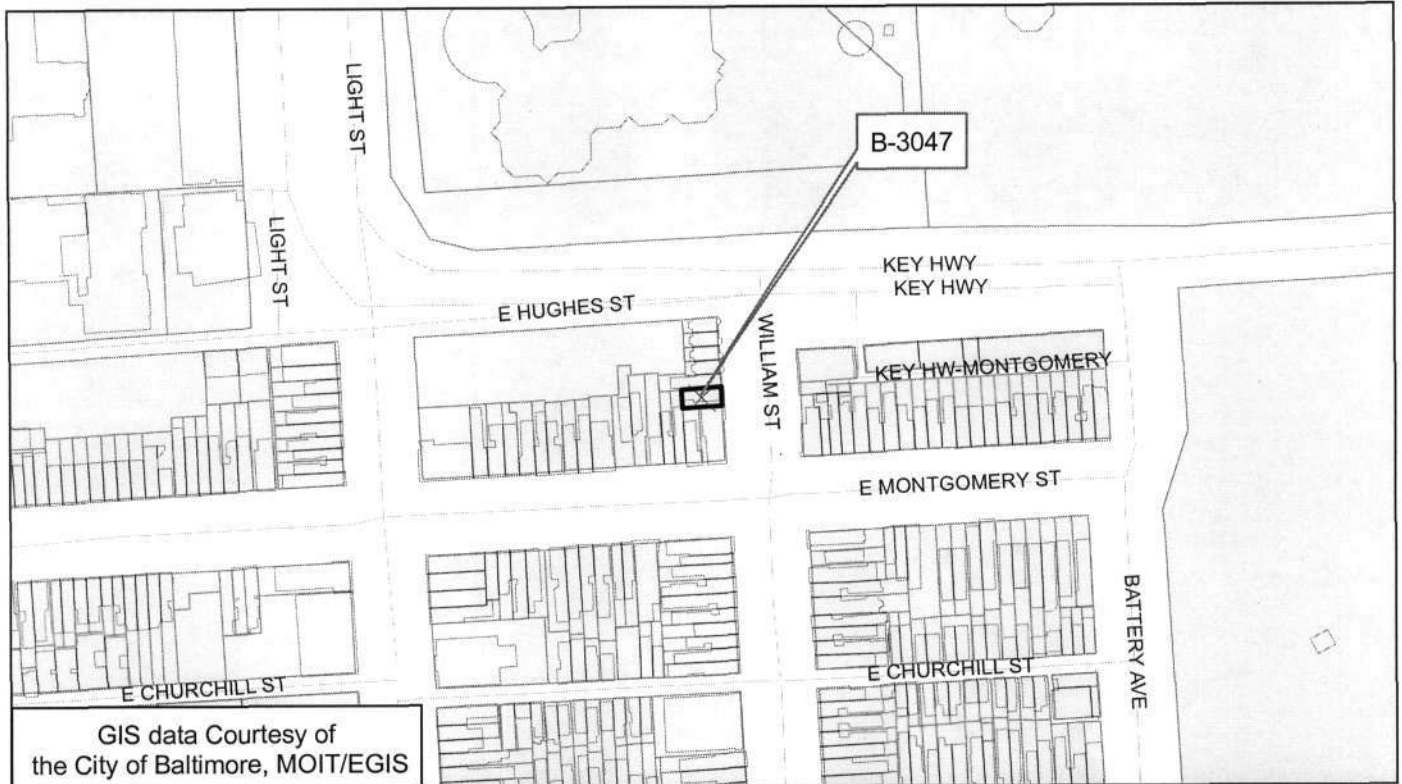
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704 William Street  
Block 0899 Lot 023  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.









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East elevation